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## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

### SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

#### News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

##### Ott's Outings.

Ott's, April 10.—We are having strange weather for the time of the year. Sunday night we had a heavy frost and today 'tis a real Spring day. Frost did some damage to young corn, watermelons, gardens, etc.

Our most extensive farmer, Mr. E. C. Hayes, has planted a large crop of melons this year.

Our little berg is still hustling—two saw mills running, and farmers are planting cotton; corn is up and looking fine.

Mr. E. L. Price is back after an absence of two weeks.

Mr. Henry Q. Jennings is among us again after an absence of a week.

Mrs. Florrie Free and Miss Germaine Sandifer, of Blackville, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Odom Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. C. C. Rowell, our merchant, has been sick for several days, but is able to be up at this writing.

Mrs. L. D. Odom was a guest at the home of Mrs. O. M. Spurlin Monday.

Since our last writing Mr. L. D. Odom had a valuable calf killed by the train.

Our berg can boast of having had two fish stews last week.

Mr. Joe Frank Brabham visited Ott's Friday and Saturday, as a guest of Mr. E. L. Price.

##### Honor Roll Hunter's Chapel School.

The following is the honor roll of Hunter's Chapel school for the month of March:

First grade—Ned Rhoad.

Advanced first—Annie McCormack, Jannie Steedly, Kate Berry, Mazie Smoak, Hazel Stokes.

Second grade—Agnes Stokes, J. C. Smoak, Lurline Smoak, Mary and Leila Rhoad, Henry Steedly.

Third grade—Pete Gaskin.

Fourth grade—Eunice McCormack, Elise Smoak, Lottie Steedly, John Henry Rhoad, Harry Steedly, Elizabeth Hunter.

Fifth grade—Heyward Garris, Jake Hunter, Olive Steedly, Leila Wilson, Annie and Lena Rhoad.

Sixth grade—Bettie Steedly.

Seventh grade—Katherine Rhoad, Rufus Rhoad.

Eighth grade—Arnold Walker, Clyde Rentz, Thelma Hunter.

Ninth grade—Kate and Marie Steedly.

##### Victory for Denmark.

Denmark, April 6.—The Denmark high school baseball nine defeated the Norway high in a very exciting game by a score of 11 to 10. The features for Norway were the pitching of R. Gibson and batting of H. Gibson, while the features for Denmark were the batting of Zeigler and all round good playing of E. Rice and fielding of Ray and Calif.

##### Tomato Culture.

The culture of tomatoes is comparatively simple. The land is plowed and harrowed the same as for corn. Lay off rows four feet apart, and apply fertilizer in drill. As it is impossible now to get a fertilizer containing more than 1 or 2 per cent. of potash, save all the ashes you can get and use as a top dressing after the plants are set out. Lime is also good, but neither ashes nor lime should be mixed with stable manure, as the ammonia in the latter is set free and so lost. Apply them at different times. For the girls' tenth-acre plat, we advise 50 pound acid acre plat, we advise 50 pounds acid meal, and it is a good plan to use half of this when the plants are set out, and to apply the rest after they are growing well. Stable manure tends to cause black rot, a fungus growth that attacks the blossom end of the tomato. This, however, can be controlled by spraying with Bordeaux mixture, the formula for which we give the girls, so they can mix a small quantity at a time. Plants should be set out as soon as danger from killing frost is over. Set them in a furrow, three feet apart in the row. The best soil for tomatoes is a well-drained sandy loam; avoid soil that has been in tomatoes the previous year. Furthermore, they should not follow Irish potatoes or watermelons.

MRS. B. W. FAUST,  
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## FUNSTON GETS MORE TRUCKS.

To Be Used in Transporting Supplies to U. S. Forces in Mexico.

San Antonio, Texas, April 5.—Gen. Funston was advised by the war department today that his request for more automobile trucks had been granted. While the addition of 108 more trucks to those already carrying supplies along the line of communications to the troops in Mexico will serve to relieve the situation, staff officers still regarded the use of the railroads from El Paso as essential to the success of the campaign against Villa.

With six thousand horses and mules to feed every day and approximately that many men, the quartermaster's department realized the difficulties with which it had to contend.

No reports from Gen. Pershing as to operations south of Nampiquipa were received and officers here are yet lacking details of the skirmish between Col. Brown's cavalry and Villa's men on April 1.

## Found Dead in Lonely Spot in Woods.

Greenville, April 8.—Miss Dora Darby, the twenty-six-year-old daughter and only child of C. H. Darby, a well-to-do farmer of the Fork Shoals section of Greenville county, was found dead in a lonely patch of woods about two miles from her father's home. By the side of the young woman's body, an investigation showed, lay an empty vial, labelled "carbolic acid." The young woman's lips were said to be slightly scorched, according to reports from police officers of that section, and all indications seem to show that the young woman had voluntarily taken her own life. The motive for the deed is an absolute mystery.

## EDGEFIELD CASE REVERSED.

Federal Supreme Court Holds Different Opinion.

Washington, April 10.—By a decision of the federal supreme court today the supreme court of South Carolina was reversed in the case of Dr. W. E. Prescott, of Edgefield, who obtained from the State courts judgment against the Southern Railway on a consignment of shoes, which was burned when the railroad's depot at Edgefield was destroyed by fire after the goods had remained in storage beyond the forty-eight hours for which the bill of lading holds the transportation company responsible for the shipment. The case goes back for a new trial, with costs. The State supreme court held that the case should have been considered on the basis of the federal statutes; the federal supreme court rules that this was the wrong view.

## FOUND DEAD UNDER CAR.

Jno. R. Joyce, of New Mexico, Victim of Accident.

Columbia, April 10.—John R. Joyce, of Carlisbad, N. M., was found dead under his automobile, which had turned turtle into a creek three miles from Patrick, in Chesterfield county, this afternoon. The automobile carried a Florida number. The dead man is said to have been president of the Joyce Fruit company. His body has been prepared for burial by an undertaker of Cheraw and information concerning the victim's relatives is being sought.

## LEWIS W. PARKER DEAD.

Headed Vast Interests in Textile Field.

Greenville, April 11.—Lewis W. Parker, organizer and former president of the Parker Cotton Mills company and formerly president of the American Cotton Manufacturers' association, died at his home on east Washington street in Greenville, this morning about 6 o'clock. Mr. Parker had been in failing health for some time. He was a figure of national prominence in the manufacturing world, rising rapidly after leaving the practice of law and entering the cotton mill field. He was affiliated with other great industries also. He was a leader in the efforts to have the Piedmont & Northern line constructed and was a director of that electric railway. He was formerly a member of the executive committee of that corporation. The Parker Cotton Mills company was the largest cotton mill combination in the South, including 16 mills and operating some 514,708 spindles. The capital stock of the company, after its completion, was \$12,200,000. Mr. Parker has for some months been associate editor of the Piedmont, an afternoon newspaper of Greenville.

## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

### SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

#### State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading.—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

The State high school oratorical and athletic contest is to be held in Columbia April 17 and 28.

The annual cruise of the naval militia of South Carolina will be held July 15 to 29, according to Adjutant General W. W. Moore.

Ernest Anderson, for the past three years superintendent of the Newberry city schools, has announced that he will not seek reelection.

Governor Manning has accepted an invitation to attend the annual reunion of Confederate veterans which is to be held in Rock Hill this month.

Dr. J. L. Mann, superintendent of the public schools of Greensboro, N. C., has accepted the position of superintendent of the public schools of Greenville.

Between 300 and 400 delegates from the various tribes of the State are in Greenwood this week attending the Great Council of the Improved Order of Red Men.

Charley Penland, a young white man, was convicted of white slavery in the federal court in Greenville last week, and sentenced to two years' imprisonment in Atlanta.

Major H. M. Ross, one of the best known citizens of Chester county, died at his home in Bascomville Friday, aged 84 years. He had been in feeble health for a year.

Trustees of the State negro college at Orangeburg have decided to erect three buildings to take the place of the large dormitory which was destroyed by fire several weeks ago.

The annual convention of the South Carolina branch of the International Order of King's Daughters was held in Charleston last week. The meeting next year will be held in Florence.

Randall Williamson, aged 24, who lived near Conway, was instantly killed Monday afternoon when a mule which he was driving ran away and threw him out of the wagon, breaking his back and neck.

G. C. Gause was killed by Coleman Squires at the Trexler Lumber company's camp in Horry county, Sunday, following a quarrel over a bottle of liquor. After the killing Squires made his escape and has not been captured.

Alice Gregory, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Gregory, of Greenville, fell to the ground from a second story window of a Chester hotel today and sustained several broken ribs and other injuries. She will recover.

## BODY OF MAN FOUND ON ROAD.

James Johnson Shot to Death in Night.—No Clue as to Slayer.

Orangeburg, April 10.—James Johnson, a white man of the Neeses section of Orangeburg county, was found dead early Sunday morning beside a public road near Neeses with three bullet wounds in his body. Johnson was going from Neeses to his home and was walking along the highway that leads to Springfield. The shooting took place at about midnight. Witnesses examined before the coroner's jury did not know who did the shooting. A negro testified that he heard the shot about midnight, but he was not alarmed, as he often hears shooting on that road. This negro found the body early Sunday morning.

Sheriff Salley and Rural Police-man Hall worked hard on Sunday to secure some evidence as to who did the shooting, but were unsuccessful. Johnson was about 35 years of age and married. He had been living in southern Alabama for a number of years and has been back in Orangeburg county about two years.

## Base Ball.

Carlisle will open the regular schedule games for this season with Orangeburg high school, at Rhoad park Thursday afternoon, April 13, at 4:00 sharp. The boys have been doing some very hard practicing and "Smoky Joe" says he is ready for them. A good game is promised. The next games at Rhoad park will be with Charleston high school, April 17 and 18th. Carlisle has played three practice games with Ehrhardt, won two and lost one.—adv.

## GERMANY'S SYSTEM.

Can Move Army From Eastern to Western Front in Five Days.

Germany's system for the rapid transportation of troops from one battle front to another was described recently by Captain Frank E. Kleinschmidt, says a New York dispatch, who has returned to his home here after 16 months with the Austro-German forces on three war fronts.

"The rapidity of movement of the German armies," said he, "may be realized when it is seen that entire corps may be moved from the western to the eastern fronts, or back, in two and a half days. What the limit of the transportation facilities may be I do not know, but I do know of my own personal knowledge of 40,000 soldiers being started from the western lines to a position on the eastern front and made ready for action against the Russians in 60 hours."

Captain Kleinschmidt, who is an American, is known here for his work as commander of the Arctic expedition sent out by the Carnegie Museum at Pittsburg and as a big hunter and explorer in Alaska.

"With the most perfect and well-constructed roads and rails that I have ever seen, the troops move swiftly in comfortable cars to any designated point," said Captain Kleinschmidt. "To me it appears as the last word in mobile fighting forces. Equally remarkable, too, was the ease with which supplies, munitions and guns kept pace with the movement of the men."

"Another thing I noticed as distinguished the German and Austrian mode of advance or retirement from that of the Russians was in the handling of the railroads. Whereas the Russians destroyed towns and villages and attempted usually in their retreating movement to wipe out food supplies, even growing crops, they invariably left rails and road intact, and often failed to destroy important bridges."

"When General von Hindenburg withdrew after his first attempt to get to Warsaw failed, he blasted out every rail in his rear and left the roadbed a hopeless wreck. Further to impede the pursuing Russians, he felled poles and trees over parallel roads, and was soon safely out of reach."

## WINTER WHEAT CROP.

Condition on April 1st 78.3 Per Cent. Rye Crop 87.8 Per Cent.

Washington, April 7.—A total production of 495,000,000 bushels of winter wheat was forecasted today by the department of agriculture, basing its estimate on the condition of the crop April 1 and on an assumption of average abandonment of acreage and average influences on the crop to harvest. That compares with 655,045,000 bushels, the estimated production in 1915 and 684,990,000 bushels in 1914.

Condition of winter wheat on April 1 was 78.3 per cent. of normal, against 88.8 last year, 95.6 in 1914 and 87.3, the average for the last ten years. There was a decrease of 9.4 points in condition from December 1 to April 1, compared with an average decline of 3.5 points between those dates in the last ten years.

The average condition of rye on April 1 was 87.3 per cent. of normal, against 89.5 on April 1 last year, 91.3 in 1914 and 89.9, the average for the last ten years.

## INSURANCE INJUNCTION.

Supreme Court Grants Temporary Order.

Charleston, April 11.—On petition of David B. Henderson, an insurance man of Charleston, Eugene B. Gary, chief justice, at Abbeville, has granted a temporary injunction against Thomas H. Peeples, attorney general, and F. H. McMaster, insurance commissioner, temporarily, enjoining them from enforcing the Odom-Laney act, known as the "anti-compact" law. The defendants are directed to show in the supreme court room in Columbia at 10 o'clock of the morning of April 17, why this injunction should not be made permanent. The petitioner alleges that both the spirit and letter of the constitution is violated by the Odom-Laney statute. Both the attorney general and the insurance commissioner were served with copies of the petition and the order yesterday morning. Copies have been received here.

Mr. Henderson is represented by Mordecai & Gadsden & Rutledge, Nathans & Sinkler and Smythe & Visanska, law firms of Charleston.

## DENY THE RESPONSIBILITY

IS CERTAIN GERMAN TORPEDO DIDN'T DESTROY SUSSEX.

Denies Other Cases Too.—Germany's Disclaimer Surrounds Position of U. S. With More Difficulties.

Berlin, April 8.—(Via London).—The German government is able to announce that no German submarine or warship was responsible for the explosion which damaged the British steamship Sussex.

When Germany, on April 5, handed Ambassador Gerard an interim note replying to the inquiries of the United States regarding the Sussex and four other steamers, the matter of responsibility still was in doubt and the investigation still was proceeding. The German foreign office, appreciating the agitation in the United States, transmitted an interim response declaring the readiness of the government, should the Sussex prove to have been destroyed by a German torpedo contrary to the understanding with the United States, to make all reparation, including the payment of compensation.

The Associated Press was authoritatively informed today that the investigation has been completed, that all the craft which might possibly have been involved in an attack on the Sussex have reported, and that from the reports of their commanders it is absolutely certain that the Sussex was not destroyed by a German torpedo, and that Germany is in no wise responsible for the disaster.

From the material at hand it also will be possible to reply to the American inquiries regarding the steamers Englishman, Manchester, Engineer, Eagle Point and Berwindvale and establish, according to the German contention, that no blame attaches to Germany.

## Democratic Club Meetings.

(Note.—The Herald will be glad to publish free of charge notices of club meetings. The club chairmen are urged to send in notices of meetings not later than next Tuesday.)

## EHRHARDT CLUB.

The Ehrhardt Democratic club will meet at Ehrhardt, on Saturday, April 22nd, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of reorganizing and to transact such other business as may come before the club.

D. P. SMITH,  
Chairman.

## KEARSE CLUB.

The members of Kearsse Mill Democratic club will meet at J. J. Kearsse's on Saturday, 22nd, at 3:30 p. m., for the purpose of reorganizing and transacting any other business that may come before the club.

J. F. KEARSE, SR., Chairman.

## CLEAR POND CLUB.

The Clear Pond Democratic club will meet at Clear Pond school house on Saturday, April 22nd, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of reorganizing and to elect delegates to county convention. All members are requested to attend.

G. W. FOLK,  
Chairman.

## COLSTON CLUB.

The members of the Colston Democratic club are requested to meet at Colston school house on Saturday, 22nd of April, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of reorganizing and electing delegates to county convention.

P. M. VARN,  
Chairman.  
G. H. KEARSE,  
Secretary.

## BAMBERG CLUB.

The Bamberg Democratic club will meet in the court house on Saturday, April 22nd, at 4 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of organizing and to transact such other business as may come before the club. A full attendance of the members is requested.

J. B. BLACK,  
Chairman.

## Jealous.

A minister spending a holiday in the north of Ireland was out walking, and feeling very thirsty, called at a farm house for a drink of milk. The farmer's wife gave him a large bowl of milk, and while he was quenching his thirst a number of pigs got around about him. The minister noticed that the pigs were very strange in their manner, so he said:

"My good lady, why are the pigs so excited?"

The farmer's wife replied: "Sure, it's no wonder they are excited, sir; it's their own little bowl you are drinking out of!"—Tit-Bits.

## REPORT OF PARDON BOARD.

Forty-nine Petitions for Clemency Considered.

Columbia, April 7.—The State board of pardons this morning filed their report and recommendations with Governor Manning on the applications for clemency which they have been considering for three days. Forty-nine petitions for pardons, paroles or commutations of sentence were considered by the board. The most widely known of the cases were those of Joe Grant, the Edgefield negro under sentence of electrocution for killing a white man at Johnston in 1906, and A. C. Tolbert, of Greenville, under sentence of death for having cut his wife's throat. Grant is to die on the 14th and Tolbert on the 12th of this month unless the governor grants a stay of sentence. Tolbert, a white man, cut his wife's throat in a mill village in Greenwood. His attorneys are claiming that he is insane and are asking for commutation of the sentence to life imprisonment. Attorneys for the negro, Joe Grant, are making a similar request for commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment.

Clyde Clement, serving a ten-year sentence from Spartanburg for the death of a little baby, asked for a pardon. Clement was given life imprisonment, but former Governor Blease reduced the sentence to ten years.

Governor Manning will go over the pardon board's report when he has opportunity and either approve or disapprove of their findings.

## President May Visit South Carolina.

Columbia, April 5.—President William Banks, of the South Carolina Press association, is in receipt of a letter from Congressman Lever, which says that he thinks there is some chance of getting President Wilson to visit Columbia on May 20.

An invitation for the president to be the guest of Columbia, of South Carolina and of the State Press association will go forward immediately, and Governor Manning, Mayor Griffith and the chamber of commerce will unite in their efforts to get the president here.

Senators Tillman and Smith and Congressman Lever will do everything in their power to get the president to accept the invitation.

## TWO QUART BILL NOT SIGNED.

Gallon-a-Month Law Stands for the Present.

Columbia, April 12.—Holding that the gallon-a-month law has made "a distinct advance for prohibition," Gov. Manning yesterday announced that he would not sign the two-quarts-a-month law at the present time. "I deem it best that it should stand," said the governor, speaking of the gallon-a-month measure, which was passed by the 1915 legislature.

Gov. Manning has held conferences with prohibition leaders from various sections of the State concerning the new liquor law. It was said yesterday that he had reached the decision "after a careful consideration of the subject from various angles."

The statement by the governor follows:

"The gallon-a-month law will stand as the law regulating the importation of liquor into South Carolina for personal use. This was the law enacted by the legislature at the same time as the referendum act ordering the prohibition election, and was in force when the election was held. This law has made a distinct advance for prohibition by limiting the amount of liquor used, and I deem it best that it should stand, unless something occurs to change the situation. To retain the gallon-a-month law is to keep faith with the people, and, in my judgment, will go a long way to promote temperance, so long as it is rigidly enforced.

"I shall continue to direct a vigorous enforcement. I will not, therefore, at this time, sign the two-quarts-a-month act, but will hold same in abeyance pending any change in conditions that may occur."

## Confirms Sale of Mill.

Charleston, April 9.—An order was issued by Judge Henry A. M. Smith in the United States district court, eastern district, here yesterday confirming the sale of the Hilton-Dodge Lumber company to Mr. John Rae Gilman for the sum of \$250,000. The property was sold to the highest bidder at Walterboro Monday.

Don't forget the "Iron Claw" will start on Monday, April 24th, at the Thielen Theatre. The best serial yet.—adv.